(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that it has been decided to have a more effective but a thinner planning body?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Prime Minister had an informal meeting on January 11, 1988 with a group of economists, industrial managers and journalists to acquaint himself with their ideas on economic issues and perspectives.

(b) to (d) No decisions were taken at this informal meeting, as it was not a decision-making forum.

सेना आयुध कोर में कार्यरत पैकरों के संबंध में मध्यस्थम पंचाट

*426. श्रीमती कैलाशपति : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या श्रम मंत्रालय द्वारा गठित किए गए माध्यस्थम बोर्ड ने सेना आयुद्ध कोर में कार्यरत पैकरों के संबंध में 1 नवम्बर, 1985 को कोई पंचाट दिया था ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस पंचाट को कार्यान्वित कर दिया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके कब तक कार्यान्वित किए जाने की संभावना है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री के० सी० पंत) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) अभी नहीं ।

(ग) मध्यस्थ निर्णय में निम्नलिखित बातें हैं :—

(i) विशेष पैकरों को 1-6-1983 से 330-480 रुपये का वेतनमान दिया जाए । विशेष पैकरों के पदों की संख्या पैकरों की संख्या के 20% से कम नहीं होगी ।

(ii) पैकरों को 1-6-1983 से 260-400 रुपये का वेतनमान दिया जाए ।

(iii) वास्तविक रूप से पैकिंग का काम करने वाले मजदूरों और उन मजदूरों को, जिन्हें पैकिंग का काम सौंपा गया है और जो इस काम को कर रहे हैं, 1 दिसम्बर, 1985 से 210-290 रुपये का वेतनमान दिया जाए ।

इस मामले में अंतिम निर्णय लगभग लिया ही जाने वाला है ।

*429. [*Transferred to the 29th March*, 1988.]

Ordnance Factory at Bolangir, Orissa

*430. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress so far made in the establishment of an ordnance factory at Bolangir in Orissa for manufacture of shells for the Bofors 155 MM field gun;

(b) the total amount so far given by the Central Government for the said project;

(c) the time when the preliminary work in this regard was started;

(d) what are the reasons for delay in the establishment of the ordnance factory and by when it is proposed to be set up and commissioned; and

(e) whether it is proposed to conduct an inquiry in the irregularities and delay in this regard and to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) On the basis of the 'go-ahead' sanction given in Oct. 84 in respect of the ordnance filling factory at Bolangir, certain preliminary activities of an urgent nature requiring long lead-time were taken up, in respect of which consderable progress has been made.

(b) The 'go-ahead' sanction issued in Oct. 84 was for Rs. 25 crores, with commitment expenditure upto Rs. 50 crores. These limits were subsequently enhanced in Mar. 87.

to Rs. 45 crores and Rs. 65 crores respectively.

(c) The preliminary works were started soon after the 'go-ahead' sanction was issued in Oct. 84.

(d) Finalisation of product mix in the changing environment, tie-up of technical know-how arrangements for certain items and critical details connected therewith, resulted in more time than expected being taken in working out the details of the project. The project is expected to be set up and commissioned in a time frame of 4 years after issue of final sanction.

(e) Complaints in this regard are looked into as per established procedure.

Facilities available to Offices Bearers of recognised Associations of Central Government Employees

*431. SHRI YAILA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facilities available to three office-bearers of recognised associations of the Central Government employees, in vogue since April, 1969, have recently been restricted to only one such office-bearer; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The facility available since 1969 has been for only one office-bearer.

(b) Does not arise.

Training to Chinese Personnel by U.S.A.

*432. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press Report published in the Tribune dated the 1st February, 1988 to the effect that the U.S. are imparting training to Chinese personnel in the dangerous tactics of nuclear, biological and chemical warfare system in a most sensitive collaboration; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen the press report appearing in "The Tribune" of the 1st February, 1988, regarding the imparting of training by the USA to Chinese personnel in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare systems. There is no confirmed information in this regard, Government are, however, aware of cooperation between the United States and China in some defence-related fields.

(b) It is Government's policy to review constantly all developments having a bearing on India's security and to take effective steps to meet the emerging situation.

Indo-US Vaccine programme

*433. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 631 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the know-how for the production of vaccines for identified diseases will be developed totally in